

The Small Fry Tri – A Triathlon for Preschoolers

Murfreesboro's Smallest Triathlon! Kids will run, bike, and swim (really run through sprinklers) to the finish line, where everyone receives a trophy. Parents, older siblings, or personal trainers may help. Bring a bicycle or tricycle and a helmet.

Preregistration is highly recommended.

Preregister at the Wilderness Station between Monday, May 30th, and Friday, June 10th. Purchase your event packet with everything you need for the day!

Ages: 2 – 6 years
Date: Saturday, June 11th, 2011
Time: 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. (Races will be held about every 10 minutes.)
Come early if you register the day of the event.
Location: Old Fort Park Trailhead
Fee: \$6 (includes trophy)
Contact: Wilderness Station, 217 – 3017, or rsinger@murfreesborotn.gov

Wild Things

Frogs, birds, and bugs...oh my! Salamanders, snakes, and squirrels that fly! Toddlers learn to play and sing, and take home crafts with nature themes. Adventures made one-size fits all...so tots and parents can have a ball!

Ages: 1 – 4 years with adult
Day: Wednesdays
Times: 9:30 a.m.
** No Wild Things on June 8 and 29, July 13 **
Location: Wilderness Station
Fee: \$3.00
Contact: Wilderness Station, 217 – 3017,
Reservation required (Call on the Tuesday before for reservations.)



Animal Encounters

What is that crawling, slithering, sliding, flying, and hopping across the trail, or even in your backyard? Each week we will look at one of our resident education animals for a mini lesson of animals that call Tennessee home. Come out and meet the best teachers we have – the animals!

Ages: All
Day: Saturdays in August
Time: 1:30 – 2 p.m.
Location: Wilderness Station
Fee: Free
Contact: Wilderness Station, 217-3017

Murfreesboro Bird Club Hike

Join us for our monthly walk as we search together for spring migrants and resident birds of Tennessee. Murfreesboro's Bird Club welcomes all levels of experience and we encourage anyone who is interested in birds or bird behavior to join us! Please bring your own binoculars if you have them. We have a few to lend out on a first-come, first-served basis.

We look forward to seeing you!

Ages: 6 and up
Dates: Saturday, June 18, 2011
Saturday, July 23, 2011
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: June: Cason Trailhead
July: Overall Street Trail Head (located in Old Fort Park)
Fee: Free
Contact: Niki Jordan, njordan@murfreesborotn.gov, or 217-3017

GLOBE: Water Monitoring

Global Learning and Observations to Benefit the Environment (GLOBE) is a hands-on international environmental science and education program. GLOBE links students, teachers, citizens, and the scientific community in an effort to learn more about our environment through citizen data collection and observation. Join our trained staff as we monitor the Stones River throughout the year and help contribute to this international database.

Ages: 6 and up
 Date: June 3, 2011
 Time: 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.
 Location: Lytle Creek on the Greenway – meet at the Overall Street Trailhead in Old Fort Park
 Date: June 4, 2011
 Time: 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.
 Location: West Fork of the Stones River at Barfield Crescent Park – meet at the Wilderness Station (1 mile hike each way is included)
 Fee: Free
 Contact: Rachel Singer, 217 – 3017, or rsinger@murfreesborotn.gov

Creatures of the Night – Summer Night Hikes

Summer nights are great for spotting owls and bats, listening to a chorus of frogs and insects, and finding fascinating critters that become active at night. Join us throughout the summer to discover the forest under the night sky.

Ages: All
 Day: Tuesdays
 Dates: June 14th
 July 19th
 August 2nd and 16th
 Time: 7:30 p.m.
 Location: Wilderness Station
 Fee: Free
 Contact: Wilderness Station, 217-3017 – Reservation Required

Boat Day with SRWA

Volunteers from Stones River Watershed Association will bring several types of canoes and kayaks for you to try! You will discover characteristics and advantages of each craft, boating basics, correct paddling strokes, and boat safety from knowledgeable volunteers. PFDs and paddles will be provided.

Age: All
 Date: June 25, 2011
 Time: 9 a.m. – 12 noon
 Location: Manson Pike Trailhead, 1208 Searcy Street (off Medical Center Parkway)
 Fee: Free
 Contact: Rachel Singer, 217 – 3017, or rsinger@murfreesborotn.gov



*Teens:***Murfreesboro Teen Adventure Club (M-TAC)**

Are you a Murfreesboro teen who enjoys high adventure? Then, join us for unforgettable experiences as we explore beautiful backcountry locations of Middle Tennessee and make lasting friendships along the way. Choose from hiking, paddling, rock climbing, and so much more! Enjoy different adventures throughout the year. You won't want to miss this awesome new opportunity happening right here in Murfreesboro!

Backpacking and Rappelling at Stone Door, South Cumberland State Park

Outdoors teens won't want to miss this trip as we combine 2 high adventure activities. First, backpack all of your gear into the wilderness and set up camp. Cook all your own meals, hike through the hemlocks, splash in a waterfall, and fall to sleep to the cricket serenade. Then, wake up the next morning and conquer the rock bluff! Learn how to rock climb and rappel with TN State Rangers. This is Tennessee Adventure at its best!

Ages: 13-18 years
Dates: Thursday, August 4th – Friday, August 5th, 2011
Time: Drop off at 10 a.m. Thursday
 Pick up at 4 p.m. Friday
Location: Meet at the Wilderness Station for transportation.
Meals: Thursday dinner through Friday lunch will be provided.
 Must bring a sack lunch for Thursday.
Fee: \$50.00
 Registration deadline is July 29, 2011, and space is limited.
Contact: Call the Wilderness Station to register, 217-3017
 ***Must attend an informational meeting and Leave No Trace Workshop on Tuesday, August 2nd, at 6 p.m.**

**Summer Kayak Club**

Hey, Teens! Summer's around the corner and it's time to find something to do in the great city of Murfreesboro. How about spending your time and energy on the waterways that are around us? Every week we will embark on a new adventure along the Stones River. Learn kayak paddle strokes, how to read the river, and water safety techniques while meeting new friends.

Registration begins March 1st and is filled on a first-come basis. Limited to 8 participants.

Age: 13-18
Dates: Thursdays, June 2nd – June 30th
Time: 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Locations: Will vary
Fee: \$100.00 for 5 adventures
Contact: Call the Wilderness Station to register, 217-3017



Grab Your Paddles!

Field Trips and Field Study Opportunities for Your Group

We have added several new programs to share with your group. We can now accommodate large classes or small rotational groups. All programs are correlated with state standards or can be adjusted to satisfy badge requirements. Contact Rachel Singer for a complete list of programs and locations at 217 – 3017 or rsinger@murfreesboro tn.gov or check out our website at www.murfreesboro tn.gov/parks under Greenway & Wetlands or Wilderness Station.



Homeschool in the Wilderness

Supplement your homeschooler's science curriculum with this in-depth, 8-month program. We will explore a new topic each month through hands-on experiments, live observations, interpretive hikes and group discoveries. Registration begins September 1, 2011. Limited spaces will be available, so register early!

Ages: 8 – 10 years
 Dates: September 2011 – May 2012
 Days: Last Thursday of the month
 Time: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
 Location: Wilderness Station
 Fee: \$40.00 for 8-month program
 Contact: Registration is required. For questions or to register, call Rachel Singer, 217 – 3017, or rsinger@murfreesboro tn.gov

Call for Artists!

Greenway Art Festival “A gathering of the finest artisans in Middle Tennessee”

Each year the Greenway Art Festival expands to include new and unique talent! If you are interested in participating in this event as an artist, please contact us for an application at 893-2141. This is a juried festival. Applications may be submitted until September 1, 2011. Submit by August 1, 2011, to be included in the Exhibitors' Brochure.

Event Description:

Artists will display and sell their work along the Greenway: oils, acrylics, watercolors, pottery, sculpture, glass and more. Trailside music, food vendors and activities for children will make this an artistic outing for the whole family.

Date: Saturday, September 17, 2011
 Time: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
 Location: Old Fort Park
 Fee: \$25 booth space for artist



Have your child's next
 birthday party at
 the Wilderness Station!

Choose one of our exciting nature-themed programs led by a park naturalist. Visit our website for full descriptions, pricing, and scheduling at www.murfreesboro tn.gov/parks under Wilderness Station.

